

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for formulation of queries for use in accessing information from a knowledge base, said method~~ comprising:

 sending a first menu list of words or phrases associated with a plurality of concepts to a device;

 receiving a first selection of at least one of the words or phrases in the first menu list from the device, the received first selection identifying a concept for a natural language query to be formed;

 identifying a second menu list of words or phrases based at least in part on the identified concept;

 sending the identified second menu list to the device;

 receiving a second selection of at least one of the words or phrases in the second menu list from the device, the second selection identifying a first segment of the natural language query;

 forming the natural language query based at least in part on the first segment, wherein the natural language query does not include the identified concept.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein identifying the second menu list comprises dynamically generating the second menu list based on the first selection of at least one of the words or phrases in the first menu list.

8. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein identifying the second menu list comprises selecting the second menu list from a plurality of predetermined menu lists based on the first selection of at least one of the words or phrases in the first menu list.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said method further comprises:

sending the natural language query to the device.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for facilitating input, said method~~ comprising:

receiving, at a device, a first menu list of words or phrases , the received first menu list including a plurality of concepts associated with a natural language query to be formed;

sending, from the device to a second device, a first selection of a first word or phrase from the first menu list, wherein the first selection identifies a concept for the natural language query to be formed;

receiving a second menu list of words or phrases at the device, wherein the second menu list is based at least in part on the identified concept;

sending, from the device to the second device, a second selection of a second word or phrase from the second menu list, the second selection identifying a first segment of the natural language query, wherein the natural language query is based at least in part on the first segment, and further wherein the natural language query does not include the identified concept; and

receiving a response to the natural language query at the device.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the method further comprises:

displaying the natural language query on the device.

16. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 15, wherein displaying the natural language query comprises incrementally updating the natural language query as selections are individually made.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the second menu list has a grammatical or contextual relationship with the first menu list.

19. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the device is a hand-held or wearable computing device.

20. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the second menu list is based at least in part on a profile that includes one or more of a selection history, a preference, content, or an application.

21. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the second menu list is identified from a plurality of predetermined menu lists.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

determining whether an additional menu selection is needed to form the natural

language query;

if an additional menu selection is needed, sending a third menu list of words or phrases to the device, wherein the third menu list is based on the received second selection;

receiving a third selection of at least one of the words or phrases in the third menu list from the device, the third selection identifying a second segment of the natural language query; and

forming the natural language query based at least in part on the second segment.

25. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

generating a response to the natural language query; and

providing the response to the device.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Canceled)

31. (Canceled)

32. (Canceled)

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising including computer-readable instructions ~~that, upon execution by a processor, cause the processor to form a query for use in accessing information from a knowledge base, the instructions~~ configured to cause a computing device to:

send a first menu list of words or phrases associated with a plurality of concepts to a second device;

receive a first selection of at least one of the words or phrases in the first menu list from the second device, the received first selection identifying a concept for the query to be formed;

identify a second menu list of words or phrases based on the received first selection;

send the identified second menu list to the second device;

receive a second selection of at least one of the words or phrases in the second menu list from the second device, the second selection identifying a first segment of the query;

form the query as a natural language query based at least in part on the received first selection and the received second selection, wherein the natural language query does not include the identified concept; and

provide, to the second device, a response to the query.

35. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein identifying the second menu list comprises dynamically generating the second menu list based on the first selection of at least one of the words or phrases in the first menu list.

36. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein identifying the second menu list comprises selecting the second menu list from a plurality of predetermined menu lists based on the first selection of at least one of the words or phrases in the first menu list.

37. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the instructions further cause the computing device to:

form a request for the response to the formed query; and

transmit the request to a third device.

38. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising including computer-readable instructions ~~that, upon execution by a processor, cause the processor to form a query for use in accessing information from a knowledge base, the instructions~~ configured to cause a computing device to:

receive a first menu list of words or phrases , the received first menu list including a plurality of concepts associated with a natural language query to be formed;

send a first selection of a first word or phrase from the first menu list to a second device, wherein the first selection identifies a concept for the natural language query to be formed;

receive a second menu list of words or phrases, wherein the second menu list is selected based at least in part on the identified concept;

send a second selection of a second word or phrase from the second menu list to the second device, the second selection identifying a first segment of the natural language query, and wherein the natural language query does not include the identified concept; is based at least in part on the first segment; and

receive a response to the natural language query.

39. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 38, wherein the second menu list is further based at least in part on a profile that includes one or more of a selection history, a preference, content, or an application.

40. (Currently Amended) A device comprising:

a processor;

a communication interface operably coupled to the processor; and

a computer-readable medium including computer-readable instructions stored therein that, upon execution by the processor, cause the processor to

send a first menu list of words or phrases associated with a plurality of concepts to a device;

receive a first selection of at least one of the words or phrases in the first menu list from the device, the received first selection identifying a concept for a query to be formed;

identify a second menu list of words or phrases based at least in part on the received first selection;

send the identified second menu list to the device;

receive a second selection of at least one of the words or phrases in the second menu list from the device, the second selection identifying a first segment of the query;

form the query as a natural language query based at least in part on the received first selection and the received second selection, wherein the natural language query does not include the identified concept; and

provide a response to the query to the device.

41. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 40, wherein the second menu list is dynamically generated based on the first selection.

42. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 40, wherein the second menu list is selected from a plurality of predetermined menu lists based on the first selection.

43. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 40, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to:

send a request for the response to a third device; and

receive the response from the third device.